

The Greater La Vernia Parks Foundation

Annual BBQ Cook-off

****Entry Packet****

General Information:

Each team will receive eight (8) wristbands; extra wristbands can be purchased for \$15.00 each until August 1st. All wristbands are valid for entry on Friday and Saturday. Wristbands must be worn at all times.

All BBQ team entry traffic will be directed to the back gate. Signs will be posted on the proper entry gate to use.

Traffic will not be allowed the Friday of event after 7:00 PM. If possible please try to be set up before 7:00PM. On Saturday, cars will not be allowed in or out of the park after 7:00 AM. Teams will not be able to leave until after the dance on Saturday. This is due to the safety of all inside the park. Each entry will receive 2 parking passes. If the vehicles do not fit in your 40 x 40 space, there will be limited parking in the back of the park. If the vehicle does not have a parking pass, it will not be allowed in the park.

- **We will not be letting vehicles in and out due to safety precautions this is NON-NEGOTIABLE. We do not have time to argue this with each team failure to comply will be terms for DISQUALIFICATION.**

Port O Lets are available for a \$110.00 rental fee for the weekend and will be pumped Saturday morning around 5 AM. Tents are also available for rental.

We will have approximately 100 to 120 spaces available this year with electricity. We will close electrical entries at 100 leaving 20 extra spaces for those who are interested in multiple spots.

All teams need to supply a BBQ judge for each category. (Head cooks are not allowed to judge.)

Please note due to the confusion of many years of cook-off entry forms on the Internet that the only entry forms, rules, and guidelines for the 2014 cook-off must have the footer GLVPF 2014.

RULES AND GUIDELINES

2nd Weekend in August

1. A contestant or team consists of one chief cook and no more than four assistants. Contestants may check into the barbeque cook-off grounds beginning the 2nd Thursday of August beginning at 12:00PM until 7:00PM and the 2nd Friday of August at 8:00AM and they must be in place by 7:00AM on Saturday. Overnight camping is only allowed on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights.
2. Entry Fees are \$200.00 Entry fee covers all meat categories.
3. Categories for The Greater La Vernia Parks Foundation Annual BBQ Cook-off are:
 - Beef Brisket- turn in approximately 9 slices
 - Chicken (No Cornish Game Hens) – turn in two halves of a whole fully jointed chicken (half must include leg, thigh, wing, and breast portion)
 - Slab of Pork Spare Ribs (No Country Style, Baby Back, or Loin Back) – turn in approximately nine full ribs, cut apart.

Quantities could change based on the number of teams

4. Cooked on Site: All meat will be brought to the site RAW. No pre-marinating, pre-soaking or pre-spicing before meat is inspected. Meat will be inspected at the Check-In beginning Friday at 8:00AM. Meat Card must be stamped or punched by Park Foundation Member and the card must be presented at Cook's Meeting for turn-in containers.
5. Sauce: You may COOK with sauce but DO NOT add sauce, marinade, sop, or juice the meat or container once the meat is prepared for turn-in. No garnishing, markers, or sauces allowed.
6. Cooks are to prepare and cook barbeque in as sanitary a manner as possible. Cooking conditions are subject to inspection by the Park Committee. Conditions found to be unsanitary will be grounds for disqualification from the cook-off. Fire must be wood or wood substance. NO gas or electric fires are allowed. No holes, open fires, or dug pits will be allowed. However, a burn-down barrel will be allowed but MUST have some type of safety barrier placed across the top and

around the sides of the barrel. All teams must have a fire extinguisher visible in their camp area. Precautions MUST be made to prevent a fire threat.

7. JUDGING: Contest meats will be judged on Saturday. Contest meats must be delivered to the designated turn-in point located in the cook-off area.

CHICKEN: 11:00AM

PORK SPARE RIBS: 1:00PM

BEEF BRISKET: 3:00 PM

8. The official time will be that one as kept by the I.B.C.A Official Judge.
9. Winners will be announced after judging in the BBQ judging tent.
10. Double Blind Judging: You will be provided turn-in trays at the Saturday morning Cook's meeting. Each of these trays will have a double matched theater ticket, which has been affixed to the tray with masking tape. Only the Head Cook will sign the back of the ticket on each tray. The Head Cook is responsible for removing and keeping the signed ticket in a safe place. The Head Cook MUST present the signed ticket to claim any prize when the winning tickets are announced at the award ceremony.
11. The Head Cook for each team will be responsible for the conduct of his team, guests, or invitees. As well, the Head Cook will be responsible for his team's compliance with the rules and regulations herein set forth. EXCESSIVE use of alcoholic beverages will be grounds of disqualification. Contestants must not give, offer, sell, or donate alcoholic beverages to the general public. Teams will not offer barbeque or any items for SALE. Teams are not allowed to take their ice chests to the nightly dances. Any offensive conduct will be grounds for disqualification from the Cook-off and expulsions from the Barbeque Cook-Off Grounds.
12. Any nudity, lewdness, or any form of vulgarity will NOT be allowed. No pyrotechnics or explosives are allowed. Any intentional use of the above by a team will result in disqualification, and removal from the grounds.
13. Music within your team area is allowed. HOWEVER, excessive loud music and/or sounds that interfere with announcements, schedules, live bands and entertainment on stage, or which intrude upon or interfere with the comfort of fellow contestants will NOT BE ALLOWED NOR TOLERATED. Offenders will receive no more than 3 warnings from the Park Committee, and non-compliance will be

grounds for disqualification from the Cook-Off and expulsion from the Barbeque Cook-off grounds.

14. Decisions of the Park Committee and Judges of the contest are final. The Park Committee and Judges can make additional rules and regulations as the situations warrant the need.
15. All teams will be required to have one or more members act as preliminary judges in one or more categories.
16. Animals of any kinds WILL NOT BE PERMITTED in any contestant's space, nor will any animals be permitted on the Barbeque Cook-off Grounds, except for Seeing Eye dogs.
17. The Cook's Meeting is scheduled for Saturday of the Cook-off. Time will be announced on Friday.
18. Awards will be given to 1st to 10th places in each of the categories and Grand Champion and Reserve Champion overall. Cash prizes for 1st to 3rd places in each meat category (20% payback.)
19. Showmanship & Best Pit: This award is based on how the team is showcasing their designated area (decorations, theme, set-up, etc.). The judging will be held from 11:00AM to 3:30 PM on the Saturday of the cook-off. Please be sure that your team name is prominently displayed.
20. **Thursday Night Jackpot Beans**- Separate entry must be filled out. Entry fee is \$35.00. 35% payback to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Entry must be cooked on premises of the La Vernia BBQ Cook-off. Pick up container at 6:00 PM Thursday at Judge's Tent. A cup with lid will be provided. Turn in time is 8:00 PM Thursday at Judge's Tent. When turning in beans, all fillers (onions, tomatoes, peppers, etc.) must be smaller than a bean. All decisions are final by Park Committee.
21. **Kid's Cook** – Separate entry form must be filled out. Must be 15 and under. Committee supplies charcoal, meat, and pit to cook on. Children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult. Entry fee is \$35.00 per team. A team can consist of more than one child. 1st through 10th places will be awarded. Teams will receive the meat at 6:00. Turn in at 7:30. You can bring your own seasoning. Meat must be cooked on pit supplied by the committee at the designated Kid's Cook area. Container with foil will be provided. No garnishing can be added. All decisions are final by the Park Committee. All entries must be submitted by August 1st. Registration is limited to 60 entries.

22. **Friday Night's Cook Choice**- Separate entry form must be turned in. Entry fee is \$35.00.35% payback to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Entry must be cooked on premises of the La Vernia BBQ Cook-off. Pick up container at 7:00 PM Friday Night at Judge's Tent. Container with foil will be provided. The entry must fit inside the container. Container must close. Turn in time is 8:00 PM Friday Night at Judge's Tent. All decisions are final by Park Committee.
23. Damages/Security/Safety: Teams participating in the contest must not damage in anyway the premises on which the contest is being conducted. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES are there to be any open fires on the grounds. They must be contained in a fireproof container. Security and safety are the sole responsibility of each team/contestant. The Park Committee is not responsible for theft or damage to the property of a contestant, its members, or its guests. Furthermore, the Park Committee is not responsible for any injury to any such persons.
24. Each team is responsible for ensuring that its space is cleaned following the contest. All trash must be placed in the dumpsters provided. All flames and hot coals must be exterminated and disposed of properly. A team may be disqualified from further participation in the contest or any subsequent contest in the event that the team either causes damage to the grounds or leaves its space in disarray or with loose bundled trash and garbage following the contest.
25. Alcoholic Beverages: NO GLASS bottles are permitted in the contest area. Beer, ice, and soft drinks may be purchased on the grounds. Case beer and ice will be sold to cooking teams at a discounted price. No outside beverages, ice, or food is to be brought in Saturday of the cook-off after 7:00AM. We also ask that the cooking team to limit outside beverages to the team members only—not the general public.
26. The use of any motorized vehicles during the event in the park is strictly prohibited (i.e. scooters, golf carts, ATV, trucks, cars, etc.) unless it is for use for Park Foundation. Transportation will be provided for any handicap visitors. This is for the safety of our guests.
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be limited parking in the back of the park. If the vehicle does not have a parking pass, it will not be allowed in the park. No parking the alley ways!

The Greater La Vernia Parks Foundation appreciates your support and participation!

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Annual BBQ Cook-Off Entry Form

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	Amount	Quantity	Amount Paid
Standard entry includes a 40x40 assigned space, 8 wristbands, and entry into meat categories (brisket, pork spare ribs & chicken) *20% payback	\$200.00	1	\$200.00
Extra 40 x 40 Space *limited availability	\$200.00		
Kid's Cook	\$35.00		
Thursday Night Bean Jackpot *35% payback	\$35.00		
Friday Night Cook's Choice *35% payback	\$35.00		
Wristbands (until August 1 st)	\$15.00		
Port O Let Rental	\$110.00		
Tent Rental 10x20	\$230.00		
Tent Rental 20x20	\$345.00		
Tent Rental 20x30	\$450.00		
Cash	Check #	Amount Paid	\$

Make checks payable to Greater La Vernia Parks Foundation. ***Entries accepted until event is full***

Mail entries with check or money order to: Greater La Vernia Parks Foundation, Post Office Box 67, La Vernia, Texas 78121

Questions concerning cook-off: Dennis Snow (210) 219-3984 Robert Friesenhahn (210) 669-2720

RV or Motor Home? _____ Length _____

***Electricity spaces are assigned as completed entries are received. Electricity available to your site is (1) 30 amp. If you plan on bringing multiple items, such as travel trailer, fans, lights, sound systems, etc., you will need to bring a generator. If you trip a breaker, there is no guarantee it will be fixed.

I.B.C.A requires full mailing address

Team Name: _____

Contact Person: _____ Head Cook: _____

Address: _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Additional # _____

Email: _____

If possible, my team would like to be placed by _____

Signature stating that rules were read _____

A completed entry consists of all forms completed, Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability signed, and all fees paid in full.

ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

ASSUMPTION OF RISK

I, _____, will participate in

(Print full name of participant)

Events associated with the Greater La Vernia Parks Foundation Cook-Off to be held the dates of August 7th of 2014 to August 10th of 2014.

In consideration for the opportunity to participate, I voluntarily agree to assume all risks to myself or others involved in my participation or traveling to or from it. I understand that if I participate, I expose myself or others to risk of personal injury and/or death and property damage and loss, and I recognize that there are both foreseeable and unforeseeable risks of injury or death that cannot be specifically anticipated and listed in this document.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND MEDIA RELEASE

I hereby release, assign, and grant all rights to the Greater La Vernia Parks Foundation to use my image and likeness, as well as anyone in which my image or likeness appears, in all photography, video and sound recordings, and all available media recording formats of any kind, in any printed, computer-rendered, or other forms and formats, for use in advertising, promotion, marketing, display, or public media, in both public or private usage, without any notice, consent, or compensation thereof.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I release The City of La Vernia, the City of La Verna Parks & Recreation Department, and the Greater La Vernia Parks Foundation, its officers, employees, and agents, from any and all liability, claims, costs, expenses, injuries, and/or losses, that I may sustain as a result of my participation in the above event. My participation includes, but is not limited to, travel to and from the event in a private or public vehicle and any activity connected with the event itself, and while using my own equipment or facilities or equipment or facilities provided by the organization sponsoring the event.

I have carefully read this document, understand its contents, and am fully informed about this event and circumstances and am satisfied that I can safely participate in this event and can participate in this event while taking all reasonable measures to ensure safety and property of others. I am aware that this document is a contract with The City of La Vernia, The City of La Vernia Parks & Recreation Department, and the Greater La Vernia Parks Foundation.

Head Cook's Printed Name _____

Head Cook's Signature _____

Witness' Printed Name _____

Witness' Signature _____

KID'S COOK ENTRY FORM AND RULES

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Team Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

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La Vernia, TX 78121

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Dennis (210) 219-3984 or Robert (210) 669-2720

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THURSDAY NIGHT JACKPOT BEANS

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Team Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

1. Entry fee is \$35.00.
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FRIDAY NIGHT COOK'S CHOICE

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Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

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